



On Campus

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Linda Horta receives 1994 Classified Service Award

The winner of this year's Classified Service Award is Linda Horta, secretary for Grouping I, Behavioral Sciences and Human Services. The award was announced at annual Employee Recognition Day activities held at the new building at 270 Main Street on Monday, May 16.

Linda was hired in 1988 as the division secretary for behavioral sciences. She enrolled in classes and graduated with honors from GCC with an associate degree in office administration in June 1993. Linda lives in Northfield with her husband, Mark, son Tony and daughter Marisa. She is a member of St. Patrick's Church and enjoys sewing, crafts, reading and the

outdoors in her free time.

The selection committee had these remarks to say about Linda: "All of the division secretaries are doing exemplary work—and more of it than ever before—but Linda is widely recognized as a leader among this group. She routinely trains new secretaries, for example, and is seen as a resource by them long after they have begun working at the college.

"Linda was also cited for her efforts to become involved in the college beyond the confines of her job description. In particular, her work to help keep the college chapter of Phi Theta Kappa running efficiently when she was a student member; her partici-

pation in and encouragement of others to participate in the wellness program; and her active involvement in the recent Total Quality Management training were mentioned. Her pleasant demeanor and initiative—including attending GCC part-time to earn her degree—make her an excellent choice for the award."

Linda was one of 18 employees nominated for the award by their colleagues. The others were: **Sue Belcher**, secretary, Grouping III, business/natural sciences/mathematics; **Laima Brunner**, coordinator, GED testing program; **Debra Call**, bookkeeper I, business office; **John Canon**, technical assistant I, media center; **Deborah Chown**, library assistant II; **Kelly Dapprich**, EDP programmer I, information systems; **Louise Ellis**, EDP programmer II, information systems; **Bonnie Hoffman**, secretary, Project UPDATE; **Dennis Koonz**, media production specialist; **John Markwell, Jr.**, maintenance foreman; **David Robert**, trades worker; **Trudy Rucci**, secretary, Grouping II, humanities; **Carolyn Sautter**, clerk II, bookstore; **Tim Shippee**, groundskeeper; **Ron Smith**, technical assistant, natural sciences; and **Karen Truehart**, typist II, media services.

The Classified Service Award was developed by the college in 1980 to recognize the contributions rendered by the classified staff, the maintenance, clerical and technical components of the college's work force.

Administrative changes take effect July 1

A number of personnel actions were approved at the June 1 trustees meeting, to take effect July 1. Several administrators were given new titles to reflect changes in their responsibilities. They are:

- **Ira Rubenzahl**, from dean of academic affairs to vice president of academic affairs and student support. Ira earned his bachelor's degree from Princeton and his Ph.D. from MIT. He began working at GCC as a physics instructor in 1976, becoming an assistant professor in 1980 and a full professor in 1985. Ira was an assistant academic dean for math, science,

technology and business from 1989 to 1991, when he became dean of academic affairs.

- **Linda Cavanaugh**, from associate dean to dean of math, science, technology and business. Linda has both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts. Linda came to GCC as an instructor of mathematics in 1980. She was named an assistant professor in 1984 and a full professor in 1991. That same year she was named acting assistant dean, and became associate academic dean last July.

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What's New

Speech professor **Fred Agnir** has been selected to serve as peer coach for the classroom research component of the Title III grant. Fred will be on half-time teaching leave next year to learn about classroom assessment and research. He will be working with **Yoav Elinevsky**, a mathematics instructor at Mount Wachusett Community College.

Professor of Office Administration **Jan Balise** attended the Western Mass. Business Educators "We Are on the Move" Conference at Amherst Regional High School May 12. There were presentations in keyboarding, accounting and WordPerfect by EMC Publishing Co., South-Western Publishing Co., and Glencoe Publishing Co. The main purpose of the conference, says Jan, was to provide participants with the opportunity to meet with colleagues from throughout western Massachusetts.

Professor of history **George Bluh** and counselor **Dave Patrick** attended the Peace and World Security Studies Summer Faculty Institute at Hampshire College June 6-10. This year's theme was, "The Eurasian Powderkeg: Ethnic, Inter-Republic and Regional Conflicts in the Former Soviet Union."

Professor of accounting **Joe Brouillette** has retired. He came to GCC 17 years ago after working in private industry for many years, chiefly in manufacturing and cost accounting. Colleague **Bob Welsh**, chair of the business cluster, says that Joe was known for his "exceptional patience" as a teacher. "His forte has been working with many of the students from our grant programs in such courses as business math." Joe is married to **Linda Brouillette**, cashier in the cafeteria, whom he met at GCC.

Oops! In our listing of GCC employees who successfully completed the six-mile road race sponsored by the Greenfield YMCA April 23, we inadvertently omitted English instructor **Maureen Brown**. Belated congratulations!

Jill Crooker is the new assistant controller. She comes to GCC from Hampshire College, where she was chief accountant. Her extension is 241, and her office is C426 (formerly **Steve Budd's**). Steve and his assistant, **Dale MacLeod**, moved into C428A after **Charlie Carter** moved to the new downtown center. Bookkeeper **Matthew Farmer** also has a new phone number—x245.

It's graduation time! **Christopher M. Ellis**, son of EDP Programmer II **Louise Ellis**, graduated with honors from Greenfield High School June 5, and presented the salutatorian address for the commencement ceremonies. He will be attending Bentley College in September. **Ann C. Letson**, daughter of **Carol Letson**, director of the library, and mathematics professor **Peter Letson**, also graduated with honors and presented the valedictorian speech. She will be attending Earlham College in the fall. **Jessie Kaiser**, daughter of Assistant Director of Admission **Jan Kaiser**, and **Jake Morris**, son of Staff Assistant to the Vice President **Lynne Morris**, also graduated from Greenfield High School June 5. Jessie will attend the University of New Hampshire, and Jake will attend Western New England College.

Did we miss anyone? Let us know and we'll put it in the next issue.

Congratulations to records secretary **Jane Filkins** on her retirement on June 10 following a GCC career that began in 1977.

English instructor **Dennis Finnell** has won the Juniper Prize from the University of Massachusetts Press for his collection of poems, *Red Cottage*, published by the press in 1991. A new book of poems, *Beloved Beast*, has been accepted for publication in 1995 by the University of Georgia Press as part of its "Younger Poets" series.

Corey Hickey, secretary in the student life office, has been re-accepted to Trinity College in Hartford where she will enroll this fall to complete her bachelor's degree in history.

Congratulations to **Louise Minks**, coordinator of the Pioneer Valley Institute, on the engagement of her daughter, **Leah Jacqueline**, to **Andrew Yerrakadu** of Jamaica Queens, NY. Leah received her associate degrees in graphic design and fine arts from GCC, and will receive a bachelor's degree in graphic design from the School of Visual Arts in New York City in December 1994. A fall 1995 wedding is planned.

English instructor **Bill O'Connell** has had two poems published in the spring edition of *The Ohio Poetry Review*. Bill's chapbook, *On the Map to Your Life* (Dytisaid Press), is available locally at the Globe Bookshop in Northampton.

Elizabeth Roop began as assistant to the academic dean on May 16. She comes to GCC with more than 20 years of experience in community colleges, most recently as assistant dean of institutional research at Middlesex Community College. She will have responsibility for academic warnings and student discipline issues. She will also become director of the advising component of the Title III grant. In that capacity she will work with faculty and professional staff to

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improve advising and assist academic users of the networked student information system.

Elizabeth's office is C232 (next to Rob Yacubian), and her extension is 271.

Director of Student Life

Merryl Sackin and sociology professor **Ken Wilson** have become grandparents twice! Daughter **Arianna** had a baby girl, **Caya Simone**, on May 11 and son **Eric** welcomed his baby boy **Alexander Kenneth** on May 22.

Adjunct psychology professor **Lori Wynters** has been formally invited to the Open University in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, to work with faculty in the development of their women's studies program. The invitation is for October 1994. Once she gets there, all of her expenses will be paid, but Lori is now trying to raise money for airfare. If anyone has any suggestions regarding funding and support, she would appreciate a call at 586-8952.

Coordinator of Transfer **Rob Yacubian** and Assistant to the President **Larry Dean** attended the New England Transfer Association's annual conference in Portland, ME, in May. Attendees were transfer counselors, admission representatives from baccalaureate degree-awarding institutions, registrars and deans from the six New England states and New York. Dr. Arthur Levine, former president of Bradford College, currently with Harvard's graduate School of Education, and soon to head up Columbia's Teachers College, gave the keynote address.

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Administrative changes

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• **Joan Ibish**, from associate dean to dean of humanities. Joan holds a bachelor's degree from Smith, a master's from Radcliffe and a Ph.D. from Harvard. Joan lived in Bierut, Lebanon, from 1961 to 1982, where she taught at the American University of Bierut and Bierut University College. Prior to GCC, she taught at Smith. She came to GCC in 1987 to chair the humanities division, and was named an assistant academic dean in 1989. Joan became associate academic dean in 1991.

• **Mirrless Underwood**, from associate dean to dean of behavioral sciences and learning support programs. Mirrless has an associate degree from Vermont College, a bachelor's from Clark University, a master's and a certificate of advanced graduate studies from Assumption, and a Ph.D. from the Union Institute. She worked in several capacities at Quinsigamond Community College from 1981 to 1989, ending as assistant dean of academic affairs. Mirrless has worked at GCC since 1989, first as an assistant academic dean, and then as associate academic dean since 1992.

• **Larry Dean**, from assistant academic dean to assistant to the president for planning and research. Larry earned his bachelor's degree at Cornell and his master's degree at Westfield State. He began his GCC career in 1980 as director of financial aid. He was named registrar in 1984 and assistant dean of student records and research in 1989.

• **Steve Budd**, from director of grants to director of development. Steve has a bachelor's degree and a master of business administration degree from the University of Massachusetts. He previously worked at Springfield Technical Community College. Steve came to GCC in 1990 as director of the cooperative education program. He was named director of grants in 1991.

• **Charlie Carter**, from

director of development to executive director of the Greenfield Community College Foundation and alumni affairs (half-time). Charlie earned his bachelor's degree at Duke University, and his master of business administration degree from American International College. He began working at GCC as director of physical plant in 1970, and became acting dean of administration in 1977, a position he assumed permanently in 1978. He was named director of development in 1993.

Changes in rank

• **Kate Douglas**, from associate professor to professor of outdoor leadership. Kate has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts. She has taught at GCC since 1977, becoming an assistant professor in 1988 and an associate professor in 1991. She is coordinator of the outdoor leadership program.

• **Joanne Hayes**, from assistant professor to associate professor of English. Joanne earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin, and her master's degree at Johns Hopkins University. Joanne has been teaching at GCC since 1985, and was named an assistant professor in 1992.

Sabbaticals

Also approved at the June trustees meeting were faculty sabbaticals for the 1994-95 academic year for **Larry Buell**, professor of outdoor leadership (full year); **Arlene Laflamme-Paton**, professor of nursing (full year); **Herb Steeper**, professor of political science (full year); **Tom Young**, associate professor of art (full year); **Lynne Stewart-White**, associate professor of nursing (spring 1995); and **Phyllis Nahman**, professor of English (fall 1994). A half-time administrative sabbatical was approved for **Nancy Mayberry**, staff assistant to the president, beginning August 28 through July 29, 1995.

Wellness program offers wide range of summer activities

Free series of workshops explores nutrition and exercise

The wellness program has planned a series of workshops on nutrition and exercise for the summer. The one-hour workshops are offered Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and repeated on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Each session consists of 30 minutes of discussion around topics of interest (in Room N116) and 30 minutes doing some type of physical activity (alternating between fitness center instruction and a stretch-and-tone class in the mini-gym). The workshops are free.

The remaining schedule:

July 5 and July 6 Food labels—new and improved?!!? July 12 and July 13 Recipe share—share your favorite healthy recipe July 19 and July 20 Pot luck lunch—no exercise class, just good eating. July 26 and July 27 Metabolism—how it is affected. August 2 and August 3 Exercise—How, when, what and why.

Additional topics can be added as interested in particular areas arise. For further information, contact Bonnie Hoffman at extension 274.

Walk, run, ride: exercise options available daily

A number of regular wellness activities are also available:

Daily walks

A number of employees are already walking regularly at 12:30 p.m. Feel free to join them. *Meet outside the main entrance.*

Runs

The group picks the distance and pace. *Meet in the mini-gym Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m.*

Bike rides

On-road, off-road—whatever is desired. *Call Rebecca Clemente (x348) Wednesday afternoons to confirm, and then meet outside the fitness center in the north parking lot at 3 p.m. Thursdays.*

Aerobics

Led by **Deb Porlier**, in the mini-gym Mondays and Wednesdays. Currently from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., but may change to morning hours after June 20.

Jazzercise

Led by **Susanne Barkan**, in the mini-gym Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$3 per class.

One-on-one training consultation

By request. *Call Rebecca Clemente at extension 348.*

Outdoor trips planned

Other special summer activities organized by the wellness program include:

• **Zoar Outdoor Dry Way Rafting Trip**, Saturday, August 6, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Class IV—intense rapids, only for the experienced, adventurous, and/or just plain crazy! Limited space, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Barbecue provided. Cost: \$60. *Bring money to Bonnie Hoffman in N07 to confirm your spot by July 15.*

• **Canoe trip**, Wednesday, July 20, all day. For beginners, no experience needed. *Call Bill Frankel to sign up at extension 293.*

Summer fitness center hours

Summer hours for the fitness center are:

Monday—Thursday

7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday

7 a.m. to 9 a.m.